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MAY ISSUE BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOLS

Finance Committee and City School Board Have Lengthy Conference.

A conference was held between the City School Board and the Council Committee on Finance last night, as to the need of additional facilities at the grammar schools. Chairman Hutzler, of the School Board, made an extended statement and answered a number of questions. The School Board advocating a bond issue to raise \$418,000 for the erection of new buildings, including the additional payments on the High School Building, now under contract. Mr. Hutzler told of the expectations of the public school property by the Building Inspector, as a result of which Valley School and the Colored Normal School had been condemned outright and abandoned. Leigh and Bellevue Schools had been condemned in part and the board is now using the top floor of either building. Mr. Hutzler regarded as imperative the erection of new buildings for both Valley and the Normal School; a new building on the recently purchased lot on Hanover Avenue in the most rapidly growing section of the city; an increase in the size of Chimborazo School, and an annex to Monroe School. The discussion was long and thorough, a mass of figures being presented to show the growth of the city in certain sections and the inadequacy of school facilities. The Finance Committee took the whole matter under advisement for consideration at a further meeting.

CITY MUST PAY

Miss Gentry Wins Her Suit for Injury on Sidewalk.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday Miss Alice W. Gentry won her suit against Henry Holzgrebe and the city of Richmond, the jury awarding a verdict of \$500 and holding the city primarily responsible. The suit was for \$1,000. City Attorney Pollard for the city moved an arrest of judgment, and that the verdict of the jury be set aside as contrary to the law and evidence, and because of misdirection of the court. Judge Scott took the case under advisement and will hear argument on it. Miss Gentry was injured in her writ by a fall over a stone step in front of the property of Holzgrebe on Main Street. The case is in some respects similar to that of Lambert against the city of Richmond, now pending in the circuit court. Should the city be held responsible in the upper court it will have no option but to order the removal of all projecting steps in front of houses, and possibly of horse blocks and other obstructions to the sidewalk. Since the verdict in the Lambert case, according to City Attorney Pollard, there has been a perfect epidemic of injuries by falling over inequalities in the streets.

ADmits THE KILLING

Covington Will Be Taken to Caroline County and Trial for Murder.

Eddie Covington, said to be wanted in Caroline county for a murder committed in September, 1905, and who was arrested here several days ago, will be held until the county authorities can come for him. Covington admits the killing, but claims the act was committed in self-defense. The murdered man was a foreigner named James Saca, who lived near Hewitt's, Hanover county. The prisoner says he was in a difficulty with a woman when Saca took up the fight and rushed at him with an axe. The weapon used in the killing was a club. Since 1905 Covington has been a fugitive, and has spent most of the time in Baltimore. Major Warner was notified last night that the Caroline officers would take the prisoner to-day.

ORCHESTRA COMING SOUTH

Mr. Radcliffe Arranges Tour in Three States, Beginning Next Month.

W. L. Radcliffe, head of the Radcliffe Lyceum Bureau, returned to the city yesterday from a tour of the South, where he has arranged dates for the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra. Mr. Radcliffe says that he has made the most successful booking tour of any provided heretofore. The following festival dates were made: Lynchburg, May 13 and 14; Roanoke, May 14 and 15; Asheville, May 15 and 16; Charlotte, May 19 and 20; Raleigh, May 21 and 22; Florence, S. C., May 24 and 25; Wilmington, May 26 and 27.

Designates Judge White.

Governor Swanson has designated Judge B. D. White, of the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit, to hold the April term of the Circuit Court of Norfolk county for Judge Whitlock, who has been ill for many weeks.

THREE CASES ON TRIAL NEXT WEEK

Hanson, Donly and Burke Are Summoned to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury.

Three cases involving robberies in the local post-office will be tried in the United States District Court next week. The term which opens Monday, will be the busiest in the past year. David C. Hanson, who is under indictment for stealing from the post-office, a letter deposited in the post-office, and which was placed in his care as a clerk, will be the first to be tried. Hanson is said to have been caught with the letter in his pocket, and was arrested one Sunday afternoon, when the corridors of the building were crowded. The case against Frank P. Burke, formerly superintendent of Station B, is taken for trial April 8. The hearing will probably last two days, as there are many witnesses, and the plea is extreme alcoholism. There is little chance that this case will be postponed. John W. Donly, of Church Hill, sixteen years old, who was caught in the act of taking letters from a private mail box, will probably be tried April 16. Donly also wanted by the authorities at Buckroe Beach as an accomplice in a robbery there; but it is probable, if he is convicted here, that no other charges against him will be pressed. All three defendants are now out on bail.

EMANCIPATION DAY

Will Be Observed Quietly by the Colored People Here Tomorrow.

With parades by the different societies and secret orders the colored people of the city will observe Emancipation Day quietly tomorrow. For the last several years they have done but little more than this by way of celebrating the occasion. April 3 is taken for the time for the celebration because it was at that time that the city was entered by the Federal troops. Among the more influential members of the colored race here there has more than once been much contention about the proper date for the occasion. Some held that marking as it did a time rather of mourning than rejoicing for both races, another day should be chosen. After much talk the subject, however, the majority voted that the practice of observing this date be continued. The result was in some of the most prominent members of the race refused to take any part, and the affairs have since waned in importance.

COLOR PEOPLE APPROVE VERDICT

Powhatan Church Adopts Resolutions on Conviction of Johnson-Skipwith Murderers.

Satisfied that no mistake was made by the Powhatan jury, which sent five negroes to the death chair for the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson, officers and the congregation of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located in Huguenot District, have adopted resolutions strongly condemning the crime and approving and endorsing the verdict of the Powhatan court. The resolutions set forth the facts that the crime was most brutal, that the judgment of the court was righteous, and that after a fair trial the murderers received what they deserved. The church maintains that it is wrong for the public to believe that all the colored people in the county belong to that class to which the prisoners belong. L. R. Graham, church clerk, who brought the report of the meeting to The Times-Dispatch last night, said that his people were satisfied that no injustice had been done by the jury, but that the crime itself had brought reproach and shame upon decent negroes who are law-abiding, respectable and God-fearing. Rev. L. W. Harrison, pastor, presided when the resolutions were adopted. "The execution of the murderers will be right and proper," said Graham, "and we do hope that the white people will not condemn all of us for the outrageous and diabolical crime of a few."

DANGLES FROM TOP OF HIGH STEEPLE

Scores Nearly Break Necks to See Steeplejack at Work on Grace Street Church.

At the bidding of others, scores of people who passed the corner of Fourth and Grace Streets yesterday nearly broke their necks looking up in the air, and at that, it was not an April joke. The cause of all this neck-craving was a lone steeplejack who was dangling nearly a hundred feet in the air by ropes suspended from the top of the tall steeple on the Grace Street Presbyterian Church. Apparently unconscious of the notice he was attracting, the steeplejack calmly dabbled paint on the tall spiral, while the helper, who was stationed at the base, held the rope which steadied the lofty seat. The steeplejack works downward from the top of the spiral. The rope to which the two pieces of cable holding the little wooden seat are attached is tied around the steeple and when the steeplejack wishes to lower himself he lets out a few inches on the rope and then makes it fast again. His is a dangerous work, for the slipping of the brush and other necessities are hoisted up to him by means of a small pulley.

INSPECT RIFLE RANGE

Lieut.-Col. Evans Is Detailed by War Department at Request of Governor.

Acting on the request of Governor Swanson, the War Department has detailed Lieutenant-Colonel R. K. Evans, acting president of the War College, to come to Richmond next week to make an inspection of the various sites offered to the State for a rifle range for the Virginia volunteers. Colonel Evans is in charge of the national rifle range at Camp Perry, O., and is regarded as an expert on rifle ranges. In all probability, the State Military Board will purchase the site which he recommends. An effort will be made to have Colonel Evans deliver an address here on rifle practice, the handling of troops and other military matters.

Annual Church Sociable.

Allen Avenue Christian Church will give its annual sociable to-night. An attractive program has been prepared for the occasion.

N. & W. EARNINGS SHOW INCREASE

Profits for Eight Months Ending March 1 Exceed Those of Same Period of 1908 by Half Million.

The monthly statement of the earnings and expenses of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, which was issued yesterday by Comptroller Cox, shows that the net earnings in February, 1909, increased \$191,207.03 over the earnings in February, 1908. The net earnings for the eight months ending March 1 increased \$275,928.37, as compared with those in the corresponding period of the preceding year. The gross earnings in February were \$2,167,477.48, an increase of \$249,159.95, and the operating expenses, \$1,337,621.5, an increase of \$157,949.92. For the eight months ending March 1 the gross revenue amounted to \$19,178,752.70, a decrease of \$1,570,609, and the total operating expenses were \$11,597,841.9, a decrease of \$2,115,633.37. With the fixed charges and taxes deducted, the net earnings for the month were \$335,755.33, an increase of \$168,607.03, and the earnings for the eight months were \$4,058,577.79, an increase of \$541,319.03.

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DELAHEERING ON ABNEY LOCATION

Council Committee Unwilling to Proceed in Absence of Chairman and City Engineer.

PRESENT MATTER ON TUESDAY

Dr. Smith Files Paper Showing Why Building Should Be Placed in Monroe Park.

Notwithstanding the presence of three former presidents of the Common Council and a large delegation of citizens, the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings declined last night to hear the petition of the Confederate Memorial Association for a location in Monroe Park for the proposed Battle Abbey. The hearing was postponed to a special meeting next Tuesday night, the reason being the absence of the City Engineer and the chairman of the committee, and the fact that notice had not been given that the matter would be taken up at this time. Former presidents of the Common Council present were Judge George L. Chittum, Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Elyson, and James Caslie. President Peters was also with the delegation. Ferdinand C. Ebel, the fourth surviving ex-president of the Common Council, and president of a number of the City School Board was in the building, and appeared before the Finance Committee in regard to school matters.

What Is Proposed.

In asking for the special meeting to discuss the Battle Abbey site, the following statement of what was proposed, drawn up by the Rev. James P. Smith, D. D., was filed with the committee: "A fund of \$200,000 and more, contributed by friends of the South, and by the city of Richmond, is in hand for the erection of a memorial or monumental building. It is desired by all concerned that this building shall be erected in Richmond, and it is now proposed that the city of Richmond give a site for it in or near the centre of Monroe Park.

"That the proposition be clearly understood and freed from all misconceptions, attention is requested to the following statement: "The building proposed is small, not larger than the site of the fountain in the park and the walkway surrounding it, symmetrical in form and beautiful in design, of marble or granite, and itself an ornament of great attraction.

Not an Auditorium.

"It is not a public auditorium for assemblies of a general character, but a shrine of memories of an heroic period in the history of Richmond, Virginia and the whole Southern States. It is to be a gathering place of veterans, flags, books and manuscript relating to Southern history. The assemblies, which will be appropriate to the place, will be the gathering of veterans as they survey the site of the battle, and the children of the Confederacy and such memorial associations having relation to the same cause and history.

"It will be regarded by generations to come with a growing admiration for this and other lands, and especially by descendants of those who bore a part in the great struggle between the sections.

"It belongs peculiarly to the history of our city, which is more and more honored as an historic place, where are gathered the memories and traditions of a great past.

Location Desirable.

"It would seem appropriate in the highest degree that it be cordially welcomed by our city, and be given a choice place in a central and beautiful park, surrounded by our best homes and noblest churches, and that it be not driven to find a place remote from the great body of our people, limited in space as to view, and apparently uncared for and undesired.

New Insurance Inspector.

T. M. Hobson, who was recently appointed by Colonel Joseph Button as an examiner in the Virginia Insurance Bureau, entered upon his new duties yesterday. His headquarters will be in this city, but he will travel all over the State in the interest of the department.

Postpones Case of Theft Against JES. EGLESTON

Justice Crutchfield yesterday postponed the case against Joseph Eggleston, colored, thirty-six years old, in the arrest of whom the detectives are believed to have solved numerous thefts which have been done from time to time at the Jefferson Hotel. The negro was arrested Wednesday, when clothing and other articles, valued at \$240, alleged to have been stolen from the room occupied by Henry W. Anderson, were found in his possession. Mr. Anderson is in Washington, and this caused a delay in the hearing. Eggleston will be tried on Saturday. The case against him was cleverly worked by Detective Tom Griffin, of the Jefferson Hotel staff.

Inspect the Post-Office.

Government officials have completed a three days' inspection of the condition of the local post-office. Although nothing will be given out until a report has been made to the authorities at Washington, it is said that nothing has been found amiss here. The inspectors will leave for the next examination to-day.

PRESIDENT TAFT HERE IN OCTOBER

Tells Richmond Delegation He Will Visit State Fair if He Is Home Then from West.

WILL MOST PROBABLY COME

Has Kindest Feelings Toward Virginians, as He "Has Been Living Here for Months."

To a delegation of Richmond citizens who called on him by appointment at the White House yesterday, President Taft announced that he would accept the invitation to visit this city during fair week in October, provided that his Western engagements do not conflict. "If I can, I shall be there," he said, "for I have the warmest feelings for Richmond and Virginia, and," he added with a laugh, "I've been living here for some months."

Although the President did not give any final answer when the invitation was presented, he left the delegation to infer that he would come. He has planned a trip through the West in the fall, and the only thing that might interfere is the date. The Virginia State Fair will be held the week of October 4 to 9, and the President was assured that any day which might suit his pleasure would be satisfactory to the people of this State.

The committee which met the President consisted of Henry Fairfax, president of the Fair Association; J. T. Anderson, Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., John S. Egan, John W. Anderson, William R. Meredith and Alfred R. Williams. Before going to the White House, the delegation was joined by Senator Daniel, who introduced the members to Mr. Taft.

PROTEST INNOCENCE

John and William Brown Will Make No Statement About Powhatan Crime.

Officials of the penitentiary are making arrangements to receive the five negroes who will be electrocuted on April 20 for the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson, in Powhatan county. The papers have not yet been forwarded by the clerk of Powhatan county, but they will doubtless reach the penitentiary within the next few days. The condemned men will then be brought directly to the penitentiary and placed in detention cells under the death watch.

Service Branches Next.

John Brown and his son, William, are now in the Henrico county jail, Farmville. Although, of course, they have not the slightest hope of saving their lives, neither of the men in the jail here will make anything like a confession. On the contrary, the older man, who does most of the talking, protests his innocence more strongly than ever. It was expected that after reaching here he would probably break down and tell the whole thing; but the nerve that he showed through the trial is still with him.

Yesterday he said that the statements made before the trial were untrue, that he had made them with the hope that it would either free him or let him down with a comparatively light sentence. He lays the blame for this on the officers, who, he says, did not stand up to their promises. The only show of feeling that he had made is the request that his wife be allowed to come to see him before he is carried to the penitentiary. One of the county officers wrote the letter for him asking that she be here Saturday. Some of the officers are of the opinion that as soon as she arrives, the old negro will make a confession.

Ladies' Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Grace Street Baptist Church will be held in the lecture-room of the church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Following the meeting an informal reception will be given in honor of Mrs. A. R. Chambers, who has recently returned from China, where she has been engaged in missionary work.

Committees To-Day.

The Committee on Cemeteries will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the Subcommittee on the Second Market will meet at the market at 5:30 o'clock. Several perplexing problems about the conduct of the market pending the erecting of the new market and marketplace are to be determined upon.



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PLAN BY BOLLING MAY BE INDOORSED

Believed That Finance Committee Will Approve Bond Issue for Sewers.

Belief is expressed in circles close to the Council Finance Committee that the plan of City Engineer Bolling for the creation of sewers and water mains, and provide for the construction by a series of smaller bond issues, covering several years, rather than by a single issue of \$1,000,000 at this time, when such an issue would bring the city almost up to its bond limit. The necessity for holding an election is urged in opposition to the plan of issuing the bonds outside of the limit, members of the committee doubt the expediency of mortgaging the City Water Works for that amount at this time.

A member of the Finance Committee said yesterday that he would advocate in the case of the Council could adopt the plan of City Engineer Bolling in its entirety as the continuing policy of the city, and then make provision for carrying it out within five years by a series of bond issues of \$250,000 a year. Another said he would favor a bond issue at once of \$500,000 or \$600,000, within the present bond limit, so that contracts might be awarded for the main trunks, the work to be done this summer.

Service Branches Next.

Then next year, either in the budget, or by a bond issue, provision might be made for the lateral or service branches, and for the water mains. It is pointed out that, of course, no house connections or street sewers could be put in until the trunk sewers are completed, making it desirable not to build the lateral branches until the main sewers have been built, which section from Randolph Street to the Boulevard south of Grace Avenue. Right away for this sewer had been secured through the property of Major Dooley. The most expensive part of the construction will be taking the great tube under the canal, where for more than one hundred feet it will be necessary to tunnel through solid granite. The cost of this stretch from the ravine to the river, through granite cutting, is estimated at \$100 a foot, the plan being for a sewer ten feet in circumference, for 800 feet, at a cost of \$80,000. Up the Dooley ravine the sewer runs almost without excavation, the estimate for an eight-foot sewer, for 2,200 feet, being \$85,000.

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THINKS CUBA CAN DO WELL ALONE

Former Secretary in Roosevelt Cabinet Believes Self-Government Will Succeed.

Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor under the Roosevelt administration registered yesterday at the Jefferson Hotel. He has been spending some time in Cuba, coming directly from Havana to this city, going from there to visit Springs, where he will remain for several weeks, taking a rest after the close of his labors in the Cabinet. Being just from the tropics, Mr. Straus was the first man, perhaps, to appear here this spring in a straw hat. The change in climate, however, had its effect, as the ex-secretary was suffering severely from neuralgia.

While in Cuba Mr. Straus traveled extensively and met many of the men who are now in the public eye as those upon whose shoulders rests the task of making the island republic a success as a self-governing country.

Though he was not there long enough to form an extensive idea of the future of the country, Mr. Straus said that from present indications it would probably not be necessary for the United States to again take charge of affairs. On the whole he was very favorably impressed.

Hopeful View of Cuba.

"I found conditions in Cuba," said Mr. Straus, "in a very hopeful state. I met a number of the public men there, and all seemed to regard the conditions such as to warrant the belief that matters would run well with the people under their own rule. Though I did not see much of him, President Gomez impressed me as a man who is worthy of and holds the confidence of his people. The future of the island seems very bright."

Mr. Straus is also very optimistic of the South, and of the financial condition of the country generally. In his opinion, as soon as it is possible to effect the tariff revision there will be a great recovery in business. In fact, he thinks that the correct solution of the tariff question is the key which will open the door to better times in all parts of the country.

Delay Hurts Business.

"I find that portion of the South through which I passed," he said, "in a very prosperous condition. The country is looking forward to as early a tariff revision as possible. The basic conditions are good everywhere. There is only the uneasiness natural to the uncertainty that tariff legislation always arouses. It is important that the business men of the country make known to their representatives in Congress the pressing necessity of bringing the legislation to a close as early as it can be done, even if some of the schedules should require readjustment later. Business will not resume normal conditions until after the tariff bill is passed. Almost anything is better than the long-drawn-out uncertainty."

BUT ONE MORE LICENSE

Reported That Blankenship's Bar Will Get Additional License.

But one saloon license remains to be granted by Judge Witt, of the Hustings Court, to complete the list of 150 allowed under the present city ordinance. 149 licenses having been issued up to this time for the current year. While the judge has not acted, the belief was expressed at the Hustings Court yesterday that the license would fall to D. A. Blankenship, of 2429 East Main Street, now conducting a saloon at that place, and against whom no charges have been made.

The only one not issued last year which failed of renewal was that of the Park Hotel, J. Marshall Atkinson, proprietor, this place having been convicted of selling liquor to a minor, and having been refused a renewal of the license. Atkinson appealed the conviction. Judge Witt continues the law to indicate that in the event of conviction for violation of city ordinances not only shall no license be renewed to the proprietor, but that no license shall be issued "at that place" which for the present year will necessitate the closing of the bar at this hotel.

In place of the license to the Park Hotel, already rejected, Judge Witt has granted a liquor license to W. P. Leaman, at 701 Brook Avenue. Mr. Leaman is a member of the City Democratic Committee, is active in city politics, and was formerly a muster mechanic at the Richmond Locomotive Works.

COMPANY B WILL ATTEND FUNERAL OF PRIVATE RIDDICK

Captain William H. Stuck, commanding Company B, the Walker Light Guard, First Virginia Regiment, has issued an order for the company to assemble at the armory, Seventh and Marshall Streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, to attend the funeral of Private Charles Carroll Riddick, who died Wednesday afternoon.

Verdict for Defendant.

The case of Dallas S. Bruce against William C. Palmer was tried in the City Circuit Court yesterday. Bruce came up on appeal from Civil Justice Turpin. Judge Turpin gave a verdict of damages in the sum of \$175 and interest, the suit being for \$175.33. The case was heard before the jury with additional evidence, and the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Judge Scott ordered the judgment entered without prejudice to the right of the plaintiff to bring another suit.

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